

## **VOLUNTEER EVENING AT MILL CREEK YOUTH CENTER**

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Youth speakers offered personal thoughts for the volunteers and one youth presented a poem he wrote for the evening.

The youth expressed appreciation for volunteer services and shared how those services have affected their lives.

Many of the kids from Mill Creek participated in making "Thank You" posters, which were displayed for the volunteers.

Dan Maldonado, Division Director, and Julie Shaheen, Program Director over Correctional Facilities, joined in honoring the volunteers over dinner and conversation.

Thank you for taking your time out of your life.

Just to spend it with us;

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Even if we don't ask for it.

You give out your heart like you must;

You listen to our stories, listen to our sorrows

Yet, you never criticize or judge;

And you guide us to a better tomorrow

With warm smiles and hugs;

We all wanted to tell you

'Hey thanks for all you do''

And know we are really grateful

To have someone special as you;

If the world were filled with your love

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And open hearts;

Then that would be a perfect place

We could all have a part;

Thank you for all of your support

And knowledge you bring us here;

Giving us hope that maybe

Nothing is as it appears;

Thank you for all you do!!!

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